

BIG SEA GAME

IMMENSE SUNFISH THAT FURNISH LIVELY SPORT.

A Ten-Foot Monster Hoped and Captured—Exciting Pastime Enjoyed in Southern California Waters.

WE were cruising off the Coronado Islands, snatched with fishing and kindred sports and anxious for something to turn up, when old Captain Rawson, the skipper of the yacht, made this proposition: "If you gentlemen don't mind taking in Ensenada for a while I can show you some good sport with the sunfish. What is sunfish? Well, some folks call it the wormfish, and some one thing and some another. They caught one at Redondo some time ago that was ten foot high. Down by Ensenada I have always seen a number, and it's good sport shooting them with a rifle."

Not many hours later we were down the coast by Ensenada, where we drifted in a dead calm for several days. Finally we were rewarded with a glimpse of a sunfish. We had the dinghy out and were rowing around the shore of the bay. The sea was as

Gently and slowly the dinghy was propelled, not to frighten the game. When within about twenty feet of the swaying fin the rials went circling out over the water and dropped cleverly over the dorsal fin of the sunfish. The moment it touched, the great fish shot partially out of water, giving us a good view of its truly extraordinary dimensions. Then, with a rush and splash, it dived, jerking the noose hard and fast.

For a few moments it was a lively dance, and the antics of the larist-thrower in getting out of the way of the rope and in high and lofty tumbling would have done credit to a professional. The great fish was thoroughly alarmed, and was apparently "sounding," rushing to the bottom at a great rate, so that the line that was flungly got clear rushed over the gunwale with a force that fairly made it smoke.

The snail had to come soon, and it did. The end of the rope was reached, and with a terrific jerk the boat dashed ahead, bow under, and one or two sunfish hunters went down ignominiously into the bottom among the oars and bailers. The boat was small and the fish was big, and it required some little skill to prevent the dinghy from shipping more water than was comfortable. The fish made directly out to sea, and swam so deep that the bow of the boat was kept well under,

during which a tip-over was imminent, the dinghy was tumbled around.

The sunfish might have weighed 600 pounds. He certainly pulled as though he tipped the scales at a thousand, and with a motive most disagreeable to the man at the other end of the line. Imagine a gentle pull and steady strain and then a jerk from a fish that puts 600 pounds of dead weight into its effort, and some idea can be formed of the sport. The course of the fish was erratic. It apparently did not move directly ahead, but with a billowy motion, occasionally varying this by diving downward, with a force that was irresistible, tearing the rope over the gunwale with great pleasure. There was but one thing to do, let the fish tire itself out, and, grouped in the stern, we let the monster go plunging through the waves, creating a mass of foam ahead of us. Gradually the pace grew slower and we began to take in the slack, and after much hard work had our game alongside, when he seemed disposed to ram a hole in the bottom of the boat with his long, horn-like fin; but a turn of a rope secured him, and heading for shore we soon had our second sunfish high and dry on the beach, some half-broods being up to haul it out, bargaining for the liver for their share. We had no means to determine the weight of the big fish but by guess, and that was at least 600 pounds. No man in the party could drag it along the sands more than a foot or two. —San Francisco Chronicle.

The Woman's Suffrage Flag.

The illustration represents the expurgated edition of the United States flag which was adopted by the woman suffragists convened a few weeks ago in Philadelphia, in general convention. It is to be the standard under which they will fight their battles for the ballot. Every State that does not concede suffrage to women has had its star eliminated from the flag. Only two States—Wyoming and Kansas, which grant suffrage to women—are recognized on the flag. Two other States—Nebraska and South Dakota—which will consider the question shortly are faintly outlined by stars. Lillie Devereux Blake remarked as the flag was unfurled at the convention that

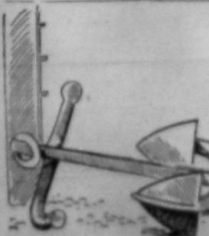


"Women were now without a country, and that the rallying-cry of the suffragists should be the revolutionary motto: 'No taxation without representation.'"

Iron ore is mined in thirteen departments in France, the total number of mines or workings in activity being about sixty. The total production of iron ore of all kinds is about 2,500,000 tons a year, the average value of which at the place of production is given at seventy cents.

A Quaint Old Anchor.

Upon approaching the boathouse in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, and lying a little to the left of the walk, one will see an old, rust-eaten anchor resting partly against the bank, and partly against an electric light pole. This old relic was found upon Prospect Park property at Coney Island and brought some twelve years ago to its present resting place, from which it has never been disturbed. It is said that during the Revolution some British sailors left the anchor in the sand, where it was finally discovered by some wandering Brooklynites and brought after many years to Prospect Park. The upper part is worn smooth by people who have placed their hands upon or leaning against it.



while the lower and has been eaten from the original shape by rust. —New York Recorder.

Poultry in Miniature.

These tiny specimens of poultry are, on account of their size, very popular as pets for children; but they are also a profitable fowl, and repay all trouble and expense. They require little room, are quite hardy and contented in confinement, and are small eaters and excellent layers. Of course, for their size much cannot be expected from them in the way of flesh, but what most they do furnish is very delicate and fine flavored. Their eggs are considered to be particularly good for invalids.

The principal varieties of bantams are the game, rose-combed black, rose-

ture. Their eggs are large in proportion to the size of the bird. The golden and silver Sebrights are two varieties originated at the beginning of this century by Sir John Sebright by crossing different breeds, the first cross being between a common bantam and a Polish fowl. The tail is entirely unlike that of bantams in general, being square and expanded, and the feathers broadening towards the ends.

The banded white is the oldest known bantam breed. They are very tame and hardy, with pure white plumage, which is very liable to get soiled unless given a sheltered run.



A PAIR OF JAPANESE BANTAMS.

combed white, golden and silver Sebright, banded white, Nankin, Pouter and Japanese.

Game bantams were produced by crossing the English fowl with the bantam, and by breeding in-and-in until the desired size was obtained. There are now about as many varieties of game bantams as there are of the game breed.

The rose-combed black and white bantams are two of the most beautiful and best laying varieties. The birds when young are rather delicate, owing to rapid feathering. The black variety is the black Hamburg fowl in miniature.

The Nankin and Pekin bantams are Chinese varieties, which resemble each other, the plumage of the former being somewhat darker and the tail feathers tipped with black. The Pekin is practically a diminutive buff Cochon.

The Japanese bantam shows by its name its origin. The breed is generally considered the most beautiful among bantams. The plumage is pure white, except the tail, which is black, with a delicate white tracing around each feather. The eggs rank with the rose-combed varieties in peculiar delicacy of flavor.

Hard Study Agrees With Her.

Anxious that his ten-year-old daughter should excel her school-mates, Edmund Mays, of Boston, forced the child to study French, German and algebra up to 11 o'clock in the evening for three months. Contrary to general expectation, the unusual strains have not appeared to have injured her in the least, and her progress in the studies has been remarkable. —New York Mail and Express.

Gingham in Favor.

Ginghams are to be worn more than ever. Crinkled effects, like crepon, in shades of green, violet and yellow, sell from thirty-five cents to fifty cents a yard. The dotted ginghams are novelties. They are, sixty-cents a yard. An ecru gingham will be sprinkled with brown, dark blue or green dots, and made up with cream-tinted lace and moire ribbons to match the dot. A gingham almost dressy enough to be worn at a garden party is woven with bands of wide



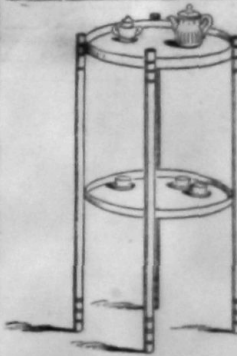
lace insertion. It comes in all the new delicate shades, and sells for fifty cents a yard. The plaid gingham is out of style, and revers have quite outgrown their popularity. —New York World.

Cesar Killed by a Bowie Knife.

A wealthy Texas rancher recently reported an expensive pointing which he had ordered, because it did not come up to his idea of proper teamwork. The subject was the assassination of Julius Caesar. The Texas objected to the dagger. He wanted a Bowie knife, and a Bowie knife it had to be before he would pay a nickel. —Mail and Express.

A Home-Made Tea-Table.

Now that the fashion of offering tea to afternoon callers is so general, tea-tables of every shape and size stream. Those that have a double stand are found to be more convenient, and such a one can be easily made from two

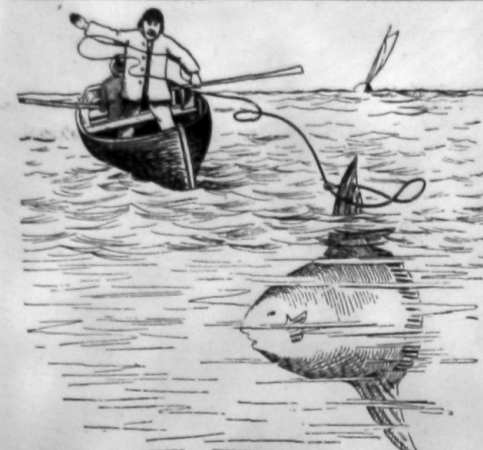


barrel covers turned so that the rim will stand up, and secured by four broom stick legs, which are screwed into the covers, says the Household.

If this table is painted with the ivory white enamel paint that is now so popular for furniture, the rims of the covers lined with gilt paint, and a few lines of the gilt striping the legs at the top and bottom, it will be very handsome and serviceable.

Semi-Amphibious Hawaiians.

The natives of the Sandwich Islands take first rank as swimmers. They are almost amphibious, living quite as much in the water as on the land, and are adepts at swimming and playing in the water almost from babyhood. Lady Bessie has described their wonderful swimming powers. She says: "All the kings and chiefs have been special adepts in the invigorating practice of self-swimming, and all the present king's sisters are considered first-rate hands at it. The performers begin by swimming out into the bay and diving under the huge Pacific rollers, pushing their water-buoyant flat pieces of wood about four feet long by two feet wide, pointed at each end—admirable before them. For one reason they select a large wave, and then, crouching, sitting, kneeling or standing on their boards, rush in shoreward with the speed of a race horse on the racing track, crouching in foam and spray, and holding on, as it were, by the milk-white manes of their native oceaners. This is a most explicable movement, but only those who have tried it know that its performance is only possible to expert and fearless swimmers. The majority of children in the Sandwich Islands are expert swimmers before they are able to walk. —New York Times.



HOPING THE MOLE, OR SUNFISH.

calm as water could be—a literal ocean of glass, the dead calm that comes so often on these waters on summer days. We had pulled possibly a mile when the skipper pointed away to the seaward, and after a few moments' looking we saw what appeared to be a spear sticking out of the water. Then it disappeared to rise again. Apparently it was rolling to and fro in the swell that came into the bay.

"There's the game," said the skipper. "Now, the idea is to bring it down with a rifle shot. You can shoot it all day through the fin and back and it won't wake up, if it happens to be asleep. Its skin is so tough that the chances are your forty-four bullets will glance. You want to wait for an eye shot, and the man who is good at bull's-eyes will get it."

We pulled on gently and soon had a good look at the game. It was a big fish of most remarkable shape, looking like a big moon-like mass from the top of which spread a scythe-shaped fin almost three feet and a half in length. The body below this shone in the sunlight like silver. The skipper said it was bullet-proof. The fish was evidently dozing on the surface, flapping from side to side, and so quickly that the alleged vulnerable spot did not appear, except as a flash of light. Occasionally the big fish disappeared altogether.

"If you want his skin," said the skipper, "the only chance is to kill him dead with the first shot."

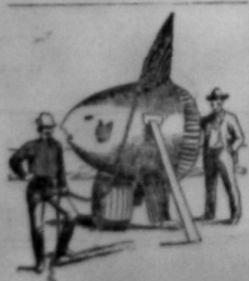
"I would suggest a better plan than that," replied one of the party, the owner of a big estate ranch. "Let's rope him, and forthwith he hauled out a big line that was used in catching the jewfish, and soon had a well-

so that she made a good swell of her ore by pulling into the stern and lighting the box, an exciting run of several hundred yards was made, the fish now and then turning, jerking the line over the side and diving in a way that threatened a capsize.

How far the dinghy would have been towed is a question. It was evident that it was time to try to turn the tables before we were taken to sea, so the line was led aft and all hands clamped on. At the first pull the fish made a savage rush, taking out the slack we had gained, but another hold was secured and gradually we drew near the fish after ten minutes of hard pulling, getting it on the surface, when it was seen that the larist was fast about a foot from the point of the fin and that every pull threw the nose of the fish into the air, so lending to keep it at the surface.

The monster now appeared to see us for the first time and made a series of desperate rushes for the bottom, but was brought up with a round turn by the rope, all hands standing by it. As the fish was determined to remain out of sight, in a fit of gigantic sulk, we hauled away and a vigorous struggle brought our game alongside, where it beat the boat with its fins and made strenuous efforts at escape. Another rope was thrown about the fin, a boathook fastened into the curious mouth, and the dinghy was headed in shore. After a long pull the game was pulled out on the beach, and after being propped up with oars, was found to measure nearly ten feet in length, one of the largest found here.

The sport had proved so exciting that the following day we tried it again, one of the party wishing to experiment with a harpoon. The hot sun was an invitation to the sunfish, and near noon we saw a fin off the point, toward which we pulled. The new had evidently been passed around, as the sunfish dived before we could get alongside, reappearing about 200 feet away and moving seaward, with its fin just above the surface. The harpooner, or rather the one who aspired for the honors, took his place in the bow, and the boat dashed ahead. But again the fish somersaulted, leaving us in the lurch, and half a dozen times this wily mole played this trick. Finally we managed to run up just as it rose, our harpooner threw his weapon, and fell back in a shower of spray thrown by the fish. Curiously enough the fish dived, at once turned and dashed under the boat, half rising in before we could clear the line that tied and hauled in the out-water in a crane-like fashion. An oar was put out as before and after a little engineering,



THE HARPOON OF THE DEATH.

wagging trail. "Now pull up on him," said the captain, taking his place in the bow of the boat.

HOME NEWS.

—There will be a grand picnic at Slavin's Cabin on the Staunton & Parkersburg Pike on the 4th of July.

—A local fisher was seen going home the other night with an automatic reel.

—Sam Ripley started by way of the river to Danmore in a bateau. The distance is more than twenty miles, and he undertook no inconsiderable task in attempting to take a boat up our swift river.

—Mr. M. O'Ferrall has become the purchaser of the old Gatewood place, at Mountain Grove, from the late owner, Mr. Dickey, for \$4,000 cash.

—Mr. J. W. Bever, the popular photographer, will be in Marlinton this week with his portable gallery prepared to execute work in the latest and best styles.

—Died. Vaughn Stanley Herold, infant son of Mr. Lanty W. Herold, of Dincol, aged 1 year and 10 months. Our sympathies are extended to the parents in their sad bereavement.

—Mr. Joe McNeel, of Swago, left at this office last week two perfect Indian tomahawks, relics that he had found near his home.

—Very great preparations have been made to make the commencement exercises of the P. M. A. a success. The exercises will take place at the court-house, this (Thursday) evening.

—Thursday morning the "drive" got underway with about a two-foot rise, and we see it no more. The recent rain, though considerable, fell on dry ground and did not affect the streams very much.

—A lady was puzzled by the explanation given by her son, a young innocent of Marlinton, as to how he came by an ugly blood blister on the end of his finger, as he said it was done "in catching a fly." He had to explain further that this was a base ball term.

—A report will be seen in this paper concerning the organization of the Christian Rejuvenator Society. It is hoped that this start will be followed at other places in the county and that brotherhood existing all over our county.

The young people of the various towns should join hands in this measure.

—Mr. Robt. K. Burns disconcerted deputy sheriff in unconvinced by having had the tax ticket book of the Levels district burned in the recent fire at Academy. The book of the preceding year belonging to Mr. Geo. W. Callison was also burned.

—An agent was in Academy this week adjusting the loss by fire of Bright & Callison's store. The building and goods were insured as follows: Peabody, Wheeling, \$3000; Fire and Marine, Wheeling, \$2000; and Fire and Marine, Va., \$1500.

—Mr. Joe Shugart now stationed near Galesburg, Nicholas county, called at this office last week. He has been employed for some time in watching large tracts of land for a syndicate to prevent squatters taking possession. Much of the time he has lived alone. He has fine hunting and fishing.

—A large party of young people drove to Academy on Tuesday to attend the commencement exercises at that place, and returned that night. The night was as dark as it could well be and some apprehension was felt for the safety of the travelers on account of the many sharp places in the road on the steep mountain sides. All parties arrived safely, however, except Mr. John Byrd and Miss Daisy Yeager, who had the misfortune to upset their topography off of a high crest right in Marlinton. The heavy turned completely up side down, but the occupants escaped themselves without injury.

—In the return football match of Hillsboro vs. Marlinton played here last Saturday, Marlinton won by a score of 3:0. The visiting team was unfortunate in losing two goals by kicks made by their own men. It made a lively day for Marlinton and people from all over the county attended the game. This will be an annual event hereafter. The people of this place appreciate the visit from our sister village.

—A letter from the Smithsonian Institution of Washington asks that some effort be made to send them a raven from the Alleghany Mountains, to form part of their ornithological collection. This bird is very rare here though we may have often mistaken a raven for a crow. There are some ravens on William's River. If any one should at any time succeed in killing or capturing one, it would be well to bring it to this office, or skin it carefully preserving the skin with arsenic and forward it to Washington.

—The county looks prosperous as far as the farmers are concerned to ride through it. Corn is very much later this year than usual. In this county, on an average, corn is not more than big enough to make the plowing of the rows possible. There are some very fine wheat fields. Oats does not seem to be extra good as yet. One field showed red blades. In late years this has been considered a very bad sign, as it first marks the rust or effects of an insect that has made oats an uncertain crop.

PERSONAL.

Rev. George P. Moore called at our office last week.

Prof. Thomas Gilmore, whom so many of our citizens know as a former citizen of Leeburg, was in Marlinton last week. The gentleman holds the chair of ethnology in the Tulane University of Louisiana.

Mr. John A. McLaughlin is home from attendance of the Danmore Business College where he has recently graduated with the degree of Master of Accounts.

Mr. Fred Wallace reached home last Saturday. He has had a school in Oak land, Md., for the past two years.

Mr. Harry Patterson and sisters, Misses Maggie and Anna Mary, of Huntersville, were in Marlinton this week.

Miss Mary Brown, of Green Bank, is visiting relatives in town.

Among the visitors at Marlinton last Saturday were Messrs. Mary, Pauline and Maggie McNeel, Lucy and Jessie Benick, Alice and Verdie Clark, and Anna Wallace, of the Levels, and Misses Annette and Eva Ligon, Bonnie Dyson and Anna Poage, of Clover Creek.

Messrs. E. D. King and Albert Gunther are in addition where they have gone on business relating to the letting of the contract to build the Webster county court-house.

Mrs. R. R. Mason and family have returned from Pennsylvania where they have spent the winter. Mr. Mason will make his future home at Huntersville, in the house belonging to Mr. J. J. Beard.

Rev. C. L. Potter will hold communion service at Traveler's Repose, on the 4th Sunday at 8:30 p. m.

Miss Pearl Yeager of Traveler's Repose is visiting here.

HILLSBORO.

Miss Mattie Childers is visiting here.

Mr. C. L. Kershner, of Frankfort is spending a few days in town looking after business.

Dr. J. A. Laine and family are visiting relatives in Greentree.

Mr. T. A. Hydenstricker and wife have returned from a trip to Greentree.

Dr. D. S. Hydenstricker left today for Lewisburg to attend the commencement of the Lewisburg Female Institute. His daughter, Miss Virginia, will graduate this year.

Bright & Callison have opened up again at their new stand.

Misses Annette and Georgia Ligon are visiting their sister Mrs. Dr. McClintic.

Miss Martha Sharp is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clara Overholt.

Mrs. Fannie Matting is suffering

from a stroke of paralysis.

The singing school at Marvin Chapel is flourishing under the management of Prof. Miller.

Quite a lot of young folks from here attended the football game at Marlinton Saturday.

Mr. Clark Woodell and daughter, Miss Ida, have returned from a trip to Green Bank.

Mr. H. A. Yeager, of Marlinton, was in town Sunday on business.

JEAN.

GREEN BANK.

We have very fine growing weather at this time.

Mrs. Alinda Moore, of Danmore, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jane G. Arbogast, who is in very feeble health.

Mr. George Sherman, of Rockingham county, Va., passed through our town last week on his way to his steam sawmill on Elk.

Mr. G. D. Oliver is building a new house up near the store of Arbogast & Oliver.

Messrs. James Bird and George Ginger, of Huntersville, passed through this place last Thursday on their return from Traveler's Repose where they were fishing.

Mr. A. L. Dille of the Herald was in this vicinity last week looking up subscriptions to his paper.

There are some large boys who come to church at this place just for fun, and they are going to be reported the next time.

Mr. C. O. Arbogast conducted singing at this place last Sunday night.

Rev. E. F. Alexander is boarding in Green Bank at this time at J. H. Ralston's.

The corn is coming on nicely since the frost cut it down, but garden vegetation looks very flat.

Mrs. C. C. Bunker and son, Sandy Bunker, of Traveler's Repose, are visiting in this vicinity.

CROAKER.

CLOVER LICK.

We are having a cold spell just now. Some snow on the last day of May, the frost on the night of the 28th of last month did a great deal of damage throughout this neighborhood, it caused the faces of our lady friends to look sour when they looked at their gardens, but they managed to content themselves by attending a large wool picking at Mrs. Lucie A. Kramer's on the following day.

Mrs. Nancy McCloud has moved to the home of her son, William, on Dry Branch.

Mr. Abe Shinnelberry is constructing a large dwelling house.

Mr. Lee Buzzard is on the sick list.

Mr. Henry Waugh, while planting corn, found an Indian stone pipe. There are 18 notches on the pipe, and they are supposed to be a record of the number of scalps taken.

There will be preaching at the Union Chapel on the 10th day of June at 11 o'clock, by Mr. Joe Beveridge, of Highland.

P. Goldin, the peddler, is doing a big business in this neighborhood. Glueing diggers are numerous in these parts.

Died. Infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Woodell, funeral at the Clover Lick grave yard. Our sympathies are with the bereaved parents.

Mr. Philip Kramer while plowing corn found an iron ore bank where he could easily get a whole iron wedge.

INQUIRY.

Important Notice!

I have just come from Baltimore where I bought a new stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Shoes, Hats and all other goods kept in a country store. I bought them at hard time prices and will sell them low for cash or good produce. All come and see for yourselves.

JACOB BUCK.

Commissioner's Sale.

Pursuant to a decree of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, rendered on the 3d day of April, 1894, in the chancery cause of Mary M. Pullin vs. J. F. Cutlip, the undersigned special commissioner will proceed to sell on

Tuesday, June 19th, 1894, in front of the court house of this county at public auction to the highest bidder, two tracts of land the property of the defendant, J. F. Cutlip, situated in Pocahontas county.

One tract containing 174 acres and known as the Mt. Murphy tract, and the other tract contains 105 acres and known as the Bruffey tract. The 174 acres has upon it a comfortable dwelling house and all necessary outbuildings, and the 105 acres is partly cleared and in grass.

Terms of Sale.

Sufficient cash in hand to pay costs of suit and expenses of sale, and the residue upon a credit of 6 months, the purchaser giving bond with approved personal security for the deferred payments, bearing interest from date, and a lien to be retained until all the purchase money is paid. L. M. McClystic, Special Commissioner.

I, J. B. Patterson, clerk of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, certify that the commissioner above has executed bond as required by law. J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk.

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